

## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Washington, D.C. 20226

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## GIFTS AND GRATUITIES

With the arrival of the holiday season, we feel this is an appropriate time to remind each of you of the provisions of law related to the offering or acceptance of gifts and gratuities where Government employees are involved.

While gift-giving is often considered synonymous with this holiday period, a gift offered to an ATF employee, regardless of the intent, may not be accepted. Any such exchange could violate the terms of 18 U.S.C. (Section 201) by the giver as well as the recipient.

Your cooperation in this matter will avoid any possible embarrassment to both parties when a gift offered must be turned down.

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